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## Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on geospatial information and services for disasters, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the development of the working group's strategic framework.

**Summary of the report**

At its fifth session, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/110, in which it welcomed the initiative of the Secretariat to commission a study on improving geospatial information policy, processes and services to support emergency response and disaster risk reduction, and strongly supported the proposal to establish a working group to further develop and implement a strategic framework on geospatial information and services for disasters in support of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

In its report, the working group on geospatial information and services for disasters describes its formation, delineates its terms of reference and workplan and details the processes applied in developing its strategic framework, including the review of existing frameworks, laws, rules and regulations of Member States on the provision of geospatial information and services before, during and after disasters. The report contains feedback and guidance received on the strategic framework during consultations with members of the working group and key partners and presents the current version as provisionally adopted by the working group.

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